within the Indian side of the International Maritime Boundary Line. Certain issues have been raised by the Government of Sri Lanka, particularly on the environmental implications of the project. Consistent with the cordial and friendly relations between the two countries, the Government of India's endeavour is to address the genuine concerns of the Government of Sri Lanka through mutual discussions for which a mechanism has been put in place.

Per captia daily consumption

*115. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of persons with per capita daily consumption of upto Rs. 20 has increased from 811 million in 1999-2000 to 836 million in 2004-05;

(b) if so, the reason therefor in spite of economic growth; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to reverse the trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir. The National Sample Survey data actually show a decline in this number from 1999-2000 to 2004-05.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Expansion of Cellular Phone Services

*116. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAG of India has pulled up Public Sector Telecom Company, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), for inordinate delays in carrying out its expansion plans as the delay has led BSNL to lose new customers to the private mobile companies;

(b) whether CAG in its report has pointed out that BSNL failed to select the suppliers for a major expansion of cellular mobile telephone services by 641 lakh lines even after passage of nearly two years;

(c) if so, the other main objections raised by CAG in its report; and

(d) the steps being considered by BSNL to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Sir, CAG of India has highlighted some areas where BSNL has to focus to improve its efficiency. Accordingly BSNL has taken steps to strengthen its machinery for acquisition of sites, infrastructure creation and taking clearance from Standing Advisory Committee for Frequency Allocation (SACFA), so that it does not suffer on account of opportunity lost.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) CAG has taken note to delay in initial launch of Cellular Mobile Service and suggested some measures to improve planning of mobile services expansion and its implementation.